Roosevelt Ends His Long Siege as Witness, Men who really

well.

Q. There had been some correspondence concerning your asking Mr. Platt and Mr. Low to meet at dinner. You may tell about it. A.—In the fall of 1901, after I became President, Seth Low, who was known as an Independent Republican, was nominated on a Fusion picket. Independent Democrats, Independents and Republicans, and elected. I was anxious that he should be in touch with the organization on precisely the terms that I was; that he should consult with Mr. Platt freely so that the organization, which had contributed a very handsome percenage of the total votes and elected Mr. Low, should not feel it was neglected.

Was so weak that it was not a competitor the Steel Corporation seriously considered.

The court: What was in your mind at the time the action was taken?

Winess: The action occurred at the height of the panic of 1907. The whole height of the panic

ssed for Colonel Roosevelt.

"No," replied the defier of bosses, "I told him I had to go back to the Capital."

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him why he had changed his mind on the matter, and he said the it was good pelities.

"I told him that Mr. Grattan had expressed his regret at being obliged to take back his word, but that he ewed it his for him. I also told Mr. Barnes that he ewed it his for him. I also told Mr. Barnes that heretofore I had always stood up for him as a man of his word, what ever other failings he might have, but that now I was through with him. He said that he was sorry I took the matter so seriously and invited me to lunch."

"Did you accept the invitation." asked W. H. Van Benschoten, of counsel for Colonel Roosevelt, "No." replied the defler of bosses, "No." replied the defler of bosses, and persons whose names are heing considered for offices being re-

The court: Now, Colonel Roosevelt, on that advice you consented to the combination? A. On that advice, ad-

"Direction."

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Tribune.)
Syracuse, N. Y., April 29.—Theodore
Roosevelt started out in his testimony
this morning with the declaration that
when he was President he had refused
to reappoint Collector Bidwell of the
Port of New York at the "direction" of
Senator Platt. The examination was
started by Mr. Bowers, the Colonel's
counsel.

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of those corperations on which you
about that incident? A.—Mr. Bidwell
had been Collector of the Port of New
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finished until after I left the President.

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the witness as to the
Northern Securities Company.

Q.—Was there any action brought
during your administration? A.—There
was.

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of those corperations on which you
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Mr. Ivins I object. As a matter of fact they were not investigations by Mr. Whitman, but by others.

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Mr. Bowers showed Colonel Roosevelt a newspaper of July 22 containing the announcement of Harvey D.
Hinman that he would be a candidate
for the nomination of Governor.
Q. Now, as to the article headed,
"Hinman Attacks Barnes," etc., did
you believe the statement that was
there published? A.—I did.
Q. And did you yelv group it to

Q. And did you rely upon it in making the statement in suit? A. I At this point the defence surrendered the witness to Mr. Barnum for recross-

Q. Mr. Roosevelt, in your letter of January 4, 1899, you wrote Senator Platt raising the question whether or not the appointment of Mr. Hill was constitutional, and you said you would like to see him and consult with him about the matter. This was a question of law, was it not a question of constitutionality? A.—I understand so.

Q.—It did not involve the preposed action on the part of the Legislature, did it? A.—That would depend upon the constitutionality. Mr. Roosevelt, in your letter of

the constitutionality.

Q.—The Attorney General was the duly constituted legal advisor of the Governor at that time, was he not? Q .- You, notwithstanding, consulted

Q. And in your letter of January 31, 1899, you wrote Senator Platt asking him to indorse a letter containing a request that one Trowbridge should be allowed to bid. On February 2, 1899, Senator Platt wrote you relating to this Trowbridge matter, saying that he hed forwarded your letter to the

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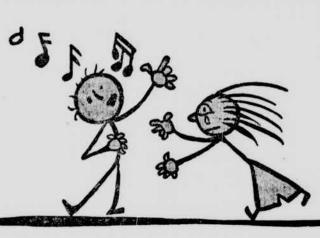
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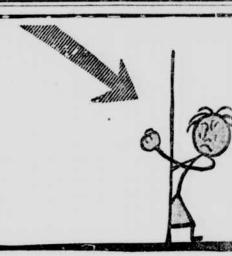
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